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Dear Harold,

Once again, I find it close to impossible to express my thanks for your and Lil's hospitality on my last visit. It was as profitable for me as always, and as enjoyable, even if I did wind up a SC&BW ("S" for sick!). I'm feeling normal now.

My instinct that it was Tink who read my book proved quite correct. The press wouldn't tell me who, so I called Sylvia and she volunteed to ask Tink. He was about to tell her about it anyway. He was quite excited by the book, and told the press he felt it should be published, but recommended massive revision and reqriting. It does not entail removing all the medical stuff, but rather what he feels are positive interpretations of negative evidence. He did make some good criticimms from what I know so far (I've not seen his report yet), plus some bad criticims reflecting his failure to understand certain fundemntal things. If I can elicit a promise of publication--or something close to it, I'll undertake the revision. Having this published is important to me, and I feel may have unseen importance for me in my future pursuits. My real concern with Tink having read the book is his connection with Lifton, for I have the fear that he may have passed some medical stuff to Lifton. Looking back, Lifton called me and pumped me on the book XX just after the time Tink got it. He got it at a time at which he was quite busy and rushed, and hadn't even the time to call Sylvia, who he normally would have called right away. Lifton <u>seemed</u> to know nothing of the book, not even that I'd finished it.

The business with Littimer is much worse than I expected, since I didn't realize they were letting him see the films. It got small coverage in the Inquirer which suddenly decided on the public service of printing a lengthy editorial on how Lattimer disproved conspiracy theories of the critics. My letter to them enclosed. With Lattimer, I've changed my opinion on Wecht's efforts, and now believe that it is important for Cyril to get access, to counter the shit coming from Lattimer. Even with Lattimer, they are still adhering to the line that the Kennedies suppressed all this.

Jim Bishop's book on MLK will be serialized in the Inquirer. The add for it today said "He was given access to classified material which had never beofre been revealed to another writer."

I am sure you will find use for the enclosed check. Please, you and Lil accept it as a token of my and my family's gratitude and best wishes.

Howard

I'm rethinking this - seriously